

## ***What's on This Week?***

**Sunday 11th Pentecost 19**

9.30am Worship

**Sunday 18th Pentecost 20**

9.30am Worship

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### ***Connect in Prayer***

Pray for the people of South Sudan who are suffering from the effects of coronavirus and who have limited fresh water or food.

Pray for our future as a church; that God will lead and guide us in our planning for the next stage of congregational life here at Morisset.

10th October was World Mental Health Day-pray for youth especially as they deal with a multitude of pressures in today's society. Pray for God to equip people with the necessary skills and resources to assist where possible.

Week of prayer for SRE in the Hunter area from 10-18 OCTOBER. Please pray for more volunteers to train up for teaching in the High Schools and Primary Schools in the Hunter area. Sadly, there are still schools and classes that have no SRE.

October is an initiative that encourages people to give up alcohol for the month of October. Pray for those who are struggling to give up their addiction, especially to alcohol and ask God to support them in their struggle.

Pray for people feeling depressed or despairing with the loss of work and the isolation of social distancing.

Pray for the people of the United States that they will come together after the election and support whoever wins.

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### ***For You to Note***

Today we welcome Rev Jason Street to our service. Jason has joined us before and is mental health chaplain working at Morisset and other institutions.

**ALBERT SHAW** - Albert passed away last Monday, 5th October at age 89. His funeral will be held Wednesday, but is invitation only due to COVID restrictions with very limited numbers of attendees allowed. Albert was a long time member of Morisset Uniting Church and will be remembered by many of us.

### **TREE CHANGES**

Most of you would have noticed a tree missing next to the Op Shop. It was removed on Friday as a start towards extensions to the Op Shop. The tree was chipped and is ready for us to use when we create our new native gardens.

### **HOW DOES THE UNITING CHURCH APPOINT ITS MINISTERS?**

This is the headline of an article in the current Spring edition of Insights. Copies are available in the foyer. The article referred to is on p 30. This is significant for us as we seek a new minister.

### **SAFE CHURCH**

Courses available on line. All Church Councillors and group leaders should do the course and a refresher every 3 years. This is an initiative put in place following the recent Royal Commission on Child Safety.

### **BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

Meets this Tuesday 13th October at 2 pm at Barbara Dufty's home. This will be Study No 5 in the series of Job, and is led by Gordon Robertson. Covid-safe (meeting on deck, open air) and all welcome.

### **COVID FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

This Wednesday 14th October 10.00-11.30. Come along to the first meeting and spend a Covid-safe and interesting morning. If you know of anyone who would like to get out and meet other people and have some company for the morning, do ask them along. More info Barbara 0439 002 392.

### **GARDENS AND LANDSCAPING AT THE CHURCH**

We are planning to fill gaps in the gardens and grounds around the church buildings. We have budgeted a small amount to buy plants and we hope to plant only native plants. After the service this morning (27th) those interested are invited to meet in the foyer where we will discuss concepts and future plantings. Come and give us your ideas.

### **MASK UP**

We suggest the wearing of masks at church until told otherwise. Don't forget, stay safe. Practice social distancing and wash hands with soap and water or sanitizer regularly. We are a COVID Safe organisation with a COVID Safe plan.

### **CHURCH IN THE TREES ... BUT WHICH TREES?**

We pride ourselves at being The Church in the Trees and we are known by that

## **Duties for 18th October - Pentecost 20**

Preacher            Barbara  
Bible Reading    Douglas & Silvia  
Welcomer         Phil Kesterton

### **Lectionary Readings for 18th October**

Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

name both in the local community and in the wider Uniting Church. The Church sits on a parcel of land that has many original local plants. In fact the Lake Macquarie City Council has zoned us as Environmental land partly because of the endangered *Tetratheca Juncea* plant, found only on the Central Coast between the Hawkesbury and Hunter rivers, and because of several native animals and birds living here.

Several people have thought that it would be a good idea to enhance the beauty of the site by planting more local endemic plants that are not here now. Plants that are attractive to the human eye and food for local birds are high on our priority, eg Wattles, Grevilleas, Gynea Lilly.

Bob Starling is interested in hearing from anyone who is interested in planning an overall layout for the surrounds of the church, working with what has already been done and what improvements we could make. We have made a small allocation in the budget to get the project up and running.

**DIRECT GIVING** - Your offering can be set up to go directly from your bank account into the Church accounts and thus avoid the need to use the envelope system on a Sunday. A direct debit can be set up using the Church's Westpac working account BSB 032-524 Account number 12-1985 or by filling in a form to go to Uniting Financial Services. This form is available from Parriss McDougall.

### **Submissions to the Newsletter**

Articles for the Weekly Newsletter should be submitted in writing by Wednesday.  
Email: [morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au](mailto:morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au)



## **MORISSET UNITING CHURCH**

**"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"**



### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** **ISSUE 1223    11th October 2020**

Welcome to the "Church in the Trees" this morning. If you are a visitor, help us to get acquainted with you by signing the Visitors' Book & staying for a time of fellowship at Morning Tea after Worship. Please also collect our Information Brochure.

Children are especially welcome as we share stories and have an activity table at the front.

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Prayer Circle     Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact Rev Joan Horgan 49736135

**"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"**